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Context: PA510-0111 - Marching Band (,), PA530-0141 - Jazz Band

Subject: Band Update 11/15/24

Hello Everyone!

Congratulations to the students that were named as members or alternates in the ECKMEA All District Band! We could not be more proud of these kids and their amazing work ethics:

Gold Band	Red Band	Blue Band	Alternates
Wesley Janssen	Ashlyn Peterson	Riley Olson	Delayna Deprima
Taylor Holland	Ryan Yu	Aurelia Fuehne	Claire Waggoner
Brady Smotrilla	Sean Yu	Nana Abdelhaq	Marcus Janssen
Jacob Swisher	Isaac Burkhart	Brett Dittus	Brady Boyack
Lilly Battese	Emerson Prather	Jack Kennedy	
Camden Acheson	Nolan Schmanke	Sriram Chilukuri	
Ryne Poindexter			

Band Calendar at a Glance:

Dec 5—Heavy Metal Christmas @ MNU, 11:00 AM. (Tubas/Euphoniums only)

Dec 9—Winter Concert, **7:30 PM** @ OEHS Auditorium **(This is a NEW TIME to accommodate the families with students at both California Trail and OEHS)**

Winter Concert/Hawk Fund Drive—December 9, 7:30 PM in OE Auditorium

- Call time is 7:00 PM for all students.
- Because CT has their concert the same evening as ours, we have adjusted our time so that families with students in both groups may attend both events. CT pushed their concert back to 6:30, and we will start ours at 7:30.

- Students will wear their concert uniforms, which are being fitted and distributed this week and next.
- **Uniform requirements:**
 - Any student that wears a school issued tuxedo for band performances will be required to supply their own tuxedo shirt to wear under it. If you already own a tuxedo shirt that is in good condition and still fits, you do not need to purchase one.
 - If you need to purchase a tuxedo shirt, you can purchase one on Amazon here: <https://a.co/d/giYH1xQ>
- **HAWK FUND FOOD PANTRY DRIVE—In partnership with the Hawk Fund, we will be collecting food items at the auditorium doors before our winter concert this year to be donated to the Hawk Fund Food Pantry. Please consider donating a few items to support families in our community. See the flyer linked [HERE](#) for more information.**

Combined rehearsals:

An email was sent out this week to all Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble students detailing their required 6:50 AM rehearsals that will start next week. Please make sure you have those dates on the calendar. Additionally, Concert Band received an email with their seminar rehearsal dates. Those rehearsals are already in flex for those students and will take place during the school day. Students need to work with their teachers to utilize other dates to complete make-up tests or other academic activities.

Heavy Metal Christmas—December 5 @ College Church of the Nazarene:

- Any tuba or euphonium player may attend. Permission forms are available in the band office. Permission forms must be turned in by December 4th to be eligible to attend.
- The bus will leave at 8:45 AM. Rehearsal starts at 10:00 AM, and the performance is at 11:00 AM. The performance is free and open to the public.
- Students will get lunch after the performance and return to school around 12:30 PM.

Pep Band:

All band students are welcome and encouraged to join the pep band! This group is entirely separate from any band class, and we have a LOT of fun! Sign ups will be in early November, and we'll do a couple of seminar rehearsals to get the pep tunes ready to go. Pep band game dates are as follows:

- December 20

- January 7
- January 17
- January 28
- February 7
- February 11
- February 21
- February 25

Marching Percussion to Perform at CT and PT:

More details will come as we get closer, but our middle school pep assembly performances are as follows:

- Pioneer Trail—December 9th (morning time TBD)
- California Trail—December 13th @2:50 PM

Have a great weekend!

Rebecca Fillingham and Chad Reed

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